Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Health Care Quality & Cost Council
Annual Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2007
JFK Library & Museum's Smith Hall
Columbia Point, Boston

Agenda

8:00   **Registration Check-In Opens**
Continental Breakfast Buffet from 8:00 – 9:00; Coffee Service until 11:00

8:45   **Opening Remarks**
JudyAnn Bigby, Secretary, Executive Office of Health & Human Services, and
Chair, Health Care Quality & Cost Council

9:00   **Keynote Address**
Stuart Altman, Dean & Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy,
Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

9:45   **Panel 1: Public Reporting of Comparative Health Care Quality and Cost Data**
Moderator: **Joseph Lawler**, The Gaudreau Group
Leslie Ludtke, New Hampshire Insurance Department
Sir Brian Jarman, Emeritus Professor & Head of the Dr. Foster Unit, Imperial
College, London, and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare
Improvement

10:45 **Break**
Coffee Service until 11:00

11:00 **Panel 2: Preventing Hospital Acquired Infections**
Moderator: **James Conway**, Senior Vice President, Institute for Healthcare
Improvement
John Auerbach, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
William Kassler, Chief Medical Officer, Region 1, Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services
Maureen Spencer, Infection Control Manager, New England Baptist Hospital

12:30 **Lunch**

1:00   **Business Meeting**

1:30 **Panel 3:** **Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care**
Moderator: **Robert Seifert**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute

Robin M. Weinick, Senior Scientist, Institute for Health Policy, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Amal Trivedi, Assistant Professor of Community Health, Division of Biology and Medicine, Brown Medical School

Thomas Sequist, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School, and internist, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates

2:45 **Closing Remarks**
Katharine London, Executive Director, Health Care Quality & Cost Council